

REMARKS

Claims 16-23 have been canceled.

Claims 24-29 have been added. Support for these new claims exists throughout the entire specification, in particular pages 18-19.

Claims 1-15 and 24-29 are currently pending, although claim 3 has been withdrawn from consideration. Given that claim 3 depends from method claim 1 which is currently undergoing prosecution, Applicants respectfully request rejoinder of this claim at this time.

The Office Action rejected claims 1, 2 and 4-15 under 35 U.S.C § 103 as obvious over U.S. patent 6,641,824 (“Duggan”) in view of Biol. Pharm. Bull, 25(10): 1307-1310 (October 2002)(“Gul”). In view of the following comments, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection.

Gul was published in October 2002. Thus, its effective date is no earlier than October 1, 2002. Submitted concurrently herewith is a Rule 131 declaration from Inventor Boulle demonstrating that the inventors were in possession of the claimed methods for treating wrinkles prior to October 1, 2002. Accordingly, Gul has been antedated, thereby removing it as a prior art reference. In view of this, Applicants respectfully submit that the § 103 rejection should be reconsidered and withdrawn, particularly in view of the fact that the Office Action has recognized that Duggan neither teaches nor suggests the claimed carbonyl amine compounds.

With respect to existing claim 10 and new claims 25-29, these claims all require the presence of specific amounts of the claimed carbonyl amine compound. None of the cited art teaches or suggests such concentration ranges of the claimed compounds or that such amounts of the claimed compounds would possess anti-wrinkle activity.

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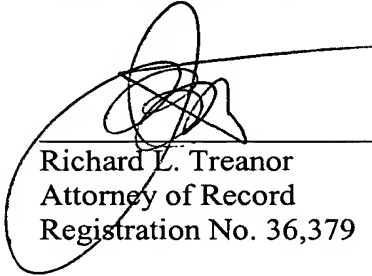
In view of the above, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the pending claims under § 103.

Finally, submitted herewith is a copy of the Chawla reference identified as reference AY in the PTO Form 1449 previously submitted in this case along with a new Form 1449. Applicants respectfully request consideration of this reference and an indication that this reference has been considered on the new Form 1449.

Applicants believe that the present application is in condition for allowance. Prompt and favorable consideration is earnestly solicited.

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